

# 4-H Clover News

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Important  
Message

## Re-Enrollment & Volunteer Screening

Keep reminding everyone in your club and your friends to re-enroll on 4-H Online! We need to get everyone re-enrolled as soon as possible. **If they plan on participating in club day, any camps, conferences, or exhibiting at the county fair they'll need to enroll before they can do that.** The last day to change, drop or add a project is May 1. **Also note that in order to weigh-in any livestock, the exhibitor must be enrolled before weigh-in.** Approval of enrollment will be streamline if you indicate payment is by coupon and pay enrollment fee into our Extension Office.

If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please complete online your Renewal. Almost everything can be completed at 4-H Online, just click on your name and edit, go to volunteer resources section and click on screening or renewal. If you have questions please contact Andrea and she can walk you through it. They are also available on our website or can be found on-line at [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

If you have any questions on what you still need to complete on your 2021 volunteer paperwork, please contact the office!

## County Club Day—February 5

County Club Day will be at the Dodge City Senior Center, 2408 Central, Dodge City. We will start at 8 a.m. with events. An email was sent to you after your enrollment through Signup Genius. A schedule is also posted on our website.

Remember you must be enrolled to participate in a club activity.

## Regional Club Day — March 5

Saturday, March 5, 8:00 am, Dodge City Nazarene Church  
1700 W. Ross Blvd, Dodge City

Schedules will be available online the week prior.

Participation will be in person presentations. If a County Club Day presentation receives a Top Blue, you will be notified.

## COUNTY FAIR & OTHER SHOWS LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES—

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you MUST weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates. **Beef weigh-in has been set for Thursday, February 17 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** at Winter Livestock. In case of bad weather that day, it will be moved to Thursday, Feb. 24. You will be notified if it changes. Small livestock weigh-in will be Tuesday, April 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

### **State Fair and Other Shows (not county fair livestock)**

A service charge of \$25 will be applied per trip to tag animals for other shows not brought to respective weigh-in dates.

What if the 4-H'er is unable to be at the weigh-in? No worries, the ANIMAL can be brought to the weigh-in by anyone. If you have questions, just let us know!

**EAR TAG POLICY** 4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family and will need to be reimbursed to 4-H Council.

### **4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting**

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

4-H Exchange Members/families will soon be selling Halladay's Harvest Barn Herb Dips and Seasoning Blends, Cheesecake Mixes and Soup Mixes. We will have a variety of flavors so give one of the members a call or stop by the Extension Office to purchase sometime in February. This is one of the group's fund raisers. Please consider supporting our group!

Spring Flea Market will be held on April 9. This is a little later than normal. If you would like a vendor space, give the office a call.



### **Shooting Sports Instructor and Apprentice Certification Training**

Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor and Apprentice Certification Training will be held March 25th-27th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports disciplines will be offered. All disciplines will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Training costs and schedules will be released in early February with registration opening mid-February. Local Extension Units must approve potential new instructor. The volunteer will then need to register in 4-H Online and complete volunteer screening through the office. Volunteers will NOT be allowed to attend training without all prior volunteer steps being completed.

# WANTED!

## LOOKING FOR 4-H

### **County Wide Project Leaders & Volunteers!**

The Ford County 4-H Program is always looking for County-Wide Project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers. If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our

### **County Wide Leaders and Projects**

We are working on a Rocketry Workshop for March 26. Watch for more details and sign up for the project.

Leaders will be listed in next months newsletter.

### **County Fair, July 21-25—Cover Contest**

Cover Contest for theme of "In Search of the New Norm", this is due into the Extension Office by March 1. Must be approximately 4" x 10" lengthwise on paper. It is a county fair, not just 4-H so 4-H should not be included in the cover design.

## 4-H Traveling Photography Display

The 4-H Traveling Photos which were selected from last year's county fair need to be brought up to the Extension Office so we can try and place them around the county soon.

If you are not sure if yours was selected, we can check here in the office.

## ::4-H Shout Outs::

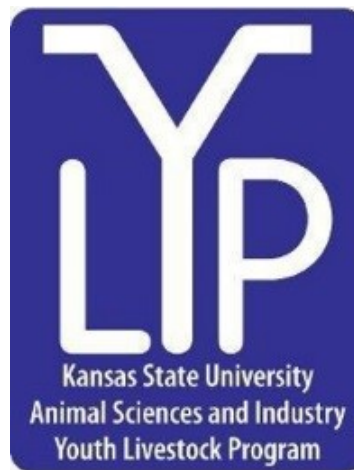
- ◆ To all the 4-H'ers with Record Books that competed at area judging.
- ◆ Congratulations to Clark Burgert for having his Citizenship, Leadership and STEM record books selected for state judging.
- ◆ Congratulations to Kyle Ruehle for having his Beef, Communications and Visual Arts record books selected for state judging.
- ◆ Congratulations to Paige Mink for having her Plant Science Record Book selected for state judging.

## Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day Scheduled for March 5

The 2022 Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, with a return to in-person programming! Junior Beef Producer Day will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This event is a one-day educational opportunity for families to learn about the selection and management of their beef project. Youth, parents, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers of all skill levels are invited to attend. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to reproduction, meat science, and showmanship. The deadline to register is February 11. All attendees must register, including youth and adults. The cost is \$15/person by February 11, or \$20/person after the deadline. Only those registrations received by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. Visit <http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays> to register online and view the flyer, which includes the tentative schedule. An optional instructor-led YQCA training and state livestock nomination process session will be held at the conclusion of the program for those interested. K-State COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event will be followed. Registration is non-refundable.

## Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day to be Hosted March 19

The 2022 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 with a return to in-person programming! Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This event is a one-day educational opportunity for families to learn about the selection and management of their sheep project. Youth, parents, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers of all skill levels are invited to attend. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and our guest speaker, Payton Dahmer. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to reproduction, meat science, and showmanship. The deadline to register is February 25. All attendees must register, including youth and adults. The cost is \$15/person by February 25, or \$20/person after the deadline. Only those registrations received by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. Visit <http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays> to register online and view the flyer, which includes the tentative schedule. An optional instructor-led YQCA training and state livestock nomination process session will be held at the conclusion of the program for those interested. K-State COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event will be followed. Registration is non-refundable.



## **FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES**—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

### **REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S POLICY**

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. Full payment is due by the registration deadline.
- **For online registrations:** Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant. Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancellation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines.)
- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County (ex. Advanced Master Gardener training, State FCE Conference, KS Youth Leadership Forum, Discovery Days, Camp at Rock Springs, judging events, etc.)
- **Tagging Livestock:** A service fee of \$25 per trip will be charged for trips made to tag livestock for state shows (county fair animals must attend county wide weigh in) or to re-tag livestock that have lost their original tags.
- **Transportation for Other Counties:** Ford County will require a \$25 per person to transport participants from other counties to events.

## **Camps! Camps! Camps!**

### **Discovery Days - 2022**

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be in person on campus in 2022. The general format for 2022 will follow the 3 day, 2 night experience established in 2019. The event is scheduled for June 1-3, 2022.

**Ford, Clark and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp** — June ? - To be determined

### **Rock Springs Ranch Camp:**

Don't forget if you are interested in attending camp at Rock Springs this year, you can enroll at [www.rockspringsranch4Hcamp.org](http://www.rockspringsranch4Hcamp.org) at anytime. You have choices of 4 days/3 nights or 7 days/6 nights camping opportunities. You can select dates that fit your schedule as our county does not have a specific time frame for camping. There are camps for 3rd through 12th grades with different price tiers. Call the office for more details.

**4 Clover 4-H Camp** with Clark, Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District:  
**dates to be determined.**

More details, registration forms and fees will be in future newsletters. Consider camping with us or if you are old enough sign up to be a counselor for one of the groups.

### **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

YQCA certification is designed to be useful and help prepare you for your show but also prepare young producer's in animal agriculture industry. The program includes information on multiple species even though you may only be raising one or two.

More information will be the March newsletter.



# 2022 Ford County 4-H Calendar



## February

- 5 County 4-H Club Day
- 17 Beef Weigh-in
- 20-21 CIA, Topeka
- 21 Office Closed for President's Day
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## March

- 1 State Record Books due for judging
- 1 K-State 4-H State Scholarships due
- 5 Regional 4-H Club Day
- 28 4-H Community Leaders Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting

## April

- 1 Ford Co. 4-H Foundation Scholarships due
- 9 4-H Exchange Flea Market
- 12 Small Animal Weigh In
- 17 Easter
- 25 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## May

- 1 State Market Beef Nominations Due
- 1 Horse ID Papers Due
- 23 4-H Community Leader Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting
- 30 Office Closed for Memorial Day

## June

- June Rock Springs Camp (choose own dates)
- June Geology Field Trips
- 1-3 Discovery Days
- ? Day Camp
- ? 4-H 4 Clover Camp
- 23 District Horse Show
- 27 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## July

- 1 County Fair Pre-Entries Due
- 4 Office closed Fourth of July
- ? Poultry Blood Testing
- 12? 4-H Community Leader Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting
- 18 Fair Clothing/Style Revue Judging
- 19 Fair Setup
- 21-25 County Fair
- 26 Fair Clean Up
- 29-Aug 7 Dodge City Days

## August

- 10 State Fair Entries due
- 15 KJLS Entries due
- 22 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## September

- 6-7? State Fair Entries due in office (tentative)
- 9-18 State Fair
- 26 4-H Community Leader Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting
- 30 4-H Record Books due
- 30-Oct 2 KS Junior Livestock Show

## October

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 24 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## November

- 5 Achievement Banquet



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Dear 4-H Families,

Information for County Club Day is included with this newsletter.

We want everyone to have the opportunity to receive the information in each monthly 4-H newsletter. Newsletters can be emailed to each 4-H member's email if you provide Ethel with the 4-H'er email.

Remember if you have a friend or a member who has not re-enrolled by January 31st, they will not receive this newsletter or information.

Questions? Give us a call.



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